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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the continuance of the enhanced rates of Conversion Fine sanctioned in the Government Order No. R. 5822-33—L. R. 413-43-2, dated the 6th April 1946 for a further period of one year with effect from 6th April 1946.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 614-24—L. R. 32-36-4, dated the 6th August 1937, revising the rates of conversion fine leviable for the appropriation of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes in the cities and neighbourhood of important railway stations and directing the revision of Rule 59 of the rules under the Land Revenue Code and the schedules attached thereto.

2. Government Order No. R 3424-37—L. R. 47-41-2, dated the 27th February 1942, directing a further revision of the rates of conversion fine leviable on agricultural lands used for building or other special purposes under Rule 59 of the Land Revenue Rules.

3. Government Order No. R. 5822-33—L. R. 413-43-2, dated the 6th April 1944, directing that the maximum and minimum limits of conversion fine fixed in Schedule 'A' attached to Rule 59 of the Land Revenue Code be doubled for a period of two years.

4. Letter No. C.-1-3739—45-46, dated the 25th March 1946, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, reporting that land values have not decreased and recommending sanction to the continuance of enhanced rates of conversion fine sanctioned in the Government Order, dated 6th April 1944 referred to above for a further period of one year with effect from 6th April 1946.

ORDER NO. R. 7926-37—L. R. 413-45-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 26TH APRIL 1946.

Sanctioned.

J. B. MALLARADHYA, *Rev. Secy.*

Orders the levy of a special cess of one anna in the rupee in the Hassan District with effect from the year 1946-47.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. A1. B. R. 1/9-45, dated 6th December 1945, from the President, District Board, Hassan District, stating that the Hassan District Board have, at their meeting held on 28th September 1945, passed a resolution to the effect that (a) a special cess of one anna in the rupee be levied on Excise, Forest and Income-tax Revenues and (b) that all the existing taxes in and at shandies be abolished, if a special cess of one anna be levied on land revenue also, and requesting sanction of Government thereto.

2. Letter No. M. L. C. 1852/45-46, dated 25th January 1946, from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, furnishing his opinion in the matter.

ORDER NO. L. 12662-8—L. B. 37-45-5, DATED BANGALORE, THE 14—15TH MAY 1946.

In the circumstances reported, sanction is accorded to levy, under Section 69 of the Mysore District Boards Act, a special cess of one anna in the rupee on Land Revenue, Excise and Forest Revenues in the Hassan District, with effect from the year 1946-47.

2. The Comptroller is requested to issue necessary instructions to the treasury in regard to the receipt and accounting, etc., of the said cess.

J. B. MALLARADHYA, *Rev. Secy.*

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the issue of the eighth series of debentures by the Mysore Central Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank, Ltd., of the value of rupees 10 lakhs, subject to certain conditions.

READ—

Letter No. 6906—C. S., dated 19th November 1945, from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, recommending that the Mysore Central Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank, Ltd., be permitted to float eighth series of debentures of the value of rupees 10 lakhs carrying interest at 3 per cent per annum.

ORDER NO. A. F. 5898-900—C. S. 14-45-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 11TH MAY 1946.

The Mysore Central Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank, Ltd., Bangalore, was permitted in the Government Orders noted below to float seven series of debentures at varying rates of interest and subject to certain conditions. The bank has issued debentures in all the seven series to the extent of Rs. 24,08,000 at rates of interest varying from 5 per cent to 3 per cent, of which debentures to the extent of Rs. 3,87,500 have been redeemed.

1. G. 6941—L. M. 14-29-1, dated 4th December 1929.
2. G. 12215-8—L. M. 21-29-2, dated 11th April 1930.
3. D. 2624-7—L. M. 2-33-7, dated 30th November 1933.
4. D. 4535-8—L. M. 16-34-3, dated 18th January 1935.

5. D. 4189-92—L. M. 7-36-22, dated 6—7th January 1937.
6. A. F. 284-5—L. M. 21-38-2, dated 7th January 1939.
7. A. F. 7144-5—C. S. 46-40-5, dated 10th April 1941.
8. A. F. 662-3—C. S. 85-42-7, dated 5th August 1943.

With the increase in the number of Land Mortgage Societies from 65 to 75 and the gradual extension of the Land Mortgage Scheme to 73 taluks and 3 sub-taluks, the Central Land Mortgage Bank is reported to be in need of additional funds to finance a large number of transactions involved as well as to meet the demand for loans already sanctioned and the loans that may be sanctioned in respect of pending and future applications.

The bank has accordingly requested permission to float the eighth series of debentures of the value of rupees 10 lakhs carrying interest at 3 per cent per annum free of income-tax and redeemable at par not later than 20 years from the date of floatation, Government guaranteeing the repayment of principal and interest and promising to subscribe to the extent of two lakhs in this issue.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, while forwarding the proposals of the President of the bank, has reported that according to the bye-laws of the bank, debentures of the value of rupees 30 lakhs may be raised by that institution and has recommended the acceptance of the proposals of the bank subject to the condition that Rs. 20,500 be redeemed by the bank by the end of December 1945 as promised by the President of the bank.

In the circumstances represented, Government are pleased to direct that the Mysore Central Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank, Ltd., be permitted to float the eighth series of debentures of the value of rupees 10 lakhs subject to the condition stated by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies carrying interest at 3 per cent per annum and redeemable at par not later than 20 years from the date of floatation, Government guaranteeing the repayment of the principal and interest and agreeing to subscribe in this issue to the extent of rupees 2 lakhs limiting the same to the extent of the public subscription falling short of the full value of the issue.

The debentures will not be free from income-tax and should be issued from time to time up to the extent necessary and according to the needs, to guard against accumulation of large and idle funds in the bank.

The debentures are exempt from stamp duty. The bonds shall be deemed to be negotiable instruments to which the provisions of the Mysore Negotiable Instruments Regulation, 1917, apply and shall be included amongst securities in which a trustee may invest trust funds under any law for the time being in force in Mysore.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Passes orders reviewing the report on the working of the Food Supplies Department during the year ended June 1945.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. nil, dated the 17th October 1945, from the Director of Food Supplies, submitting the report on the working of the Food Supplies Department during the year ended June 1945.

ORDER NO. S. D. 7683-702—A. 28-45-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 24TH APRIL 1946.

Recorded.

2. *Administration.*—Mr. B. S. Raghavendra Rao, M.A. (Hons), continued to be the Director of Food Supplies till the 7th October 1944, from which date he went on leave. Mr. K. Srinivasan, B.Sc., Special Officer, Food Supplies, acted as Director till the 11th November 1944, when Mr. G. Sundara Rao, B.A., assumed charge as Director and Mr. K. Srinivasan was appointed as the Additional Director of Food Supplies.

3. *Procurement of Foodgrains.*—As the Articles of Food Acquisition (Harvest) Order, 1943, applied only to the harvest of 1943, the new "Articles of Food Acquisition (Harvest) Order, 1944" was promulgated, making provision for the acquisition not only of the harvest of 1944 but also of subsequent harvests.

The quantities of foodgrains acquired under the above order up to the end of the year under report were as under:—

			Pallas
1.	Paddy	...	1,872,235
2.	Ragi	...	568,083
3.	Jola	...	53,911
4.	Wheat	...	462
5.	Other millets	...	19,138

4. *Imports from outside.*—The following quantities of foodgrains were imported from outside the State up to the end of June 1945:—

			Tons
1.	Rice (including broken rice)	...	29,604
2.	Millets	...	5,354
3.	Wheat	...	10,109½
4.	Wheat products	...	4,218
5.	Pulses	...	3,219

5. *Distribution of Foodgrains.*—The distribution of foodgrains was arranged for through Government depots, co-operative societies and depots run by village panchayets and municipalities, except in the rationed areas where private merchants were licensed to deal in rationed articles under strictly controlled conditions. The number of depots selling foodgrains was 1,610 as under:—

Government depots	...	307
Village Panchayet depots	...	636
Co-operative Society depots	..	624
Municipal depots	...	43
		1,610

In addition to the direct distribution of foodgrains to consumers through the depots, arrangements were made through large employers of labour, organised departmental stores, and planters to supply foodgrains required by their labour. Bulk supplies were also made to the Mysore State Railway which had its own organisation for the distribution of foodgrains to its employees.

Rationing.—Statutory rationing was extended to Davangere and Harihar towns. Preliminary action to introduce regular rationing into Chikmagalur, Channapatna and Mandya towns was also completed during the year under review. The scale of rations continued to be the same as during 1943-44 except for the addition of one-fourth pavu of wheat or wheat products per day, between the end of November 1944 and April 1945, which was however suspended from May 1945 onwards in the case of "B" class card-holders whose staple diet is millets.

6. *Storage of Foodgrains.*—Private buildings taken on rent having been found inadequate for the storage of the large quantities of foodgrains that came into the possession of Government through acquisition in the State or imports from outside, it became necessary for Government to take up the construction of godowns. The construction of three godowns one each at important rail-heads of Bhadravati, Sagar and Shimoga was sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 1,65,000. These were in various stages of progress at the end of the year. Six rat-proof military type structures known as twin "Nissen huts" having a floor space of 108×75 square feet each, were purchased from the British Military Authorities at a total cost of Rs. 47,500. Five of these have been installed near the Bangalore City Railway Station, the remaining one being lent to the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

7. *Preservation of Foodgrains.*—It is observed from the report that the Foodgrains Preservation Committee met 12 times during the year and that the work of sanitation and pest control, and the periodical fumigation of godowns received attention and that experiments were carried out regarding the processing of paddy and the best methods of fumigation without affecting the edibility or wholesomeness of the grain. Government desire to emphasise the importance of regular and frequent inspections of storage godowns by the officers concerned.